

REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004. The issue fee has not been paid.

Subsequent to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, applicants noted that the hybridization based primer in claims 104 and 133 was described as a "pull-out primer," while this more accurate description had been inadvertently omitted from claims 113 and 142. The requested amendment is submitted to make the description of the hybridization based primer consistent and equally precise among claims 104, 113, 133, and 142.

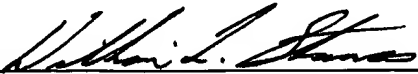
Each of the requested amendments is fully supported by the specification and drawings, will not require an additional search, and does not raise previously presented issues. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered and the requested changes made.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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